

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended) An eye viewing device comprising:
a housing having a patient end and an observer end; and
an eye cup disposed at said patient end, said eye cup having a patient end being sized such that its outer edge substantially corresponds to an eye orbit of a patient, wherein said eye orbit is generally defined by an eyebrow and an upper portion of a cheekbone of said patient.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Amended) The eye viewing device of claim 1, wherein said patient end of said eye cup comprises a flange configured bottom surface sized to substantially correspond to said eye orbit of a patient.
4. (Previously Amended) The eye viewing device of claim 1, wherein said patient end of said eye cup comprises a flange configured bottom surface sized to substantially correspond to said eye orbit of a patient, and its interior is sized to accommodate a patient's eyelashes.
5. (Previously Amended) The eye viewing device of claim 1, wherein said eye cup is deformable so that contact of said eye cup with an eye orbit alerts an observer that said device is approaching an operative position.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An eye viewing device ~~of claim 1,~~
comprising:
a housing having a patient end and an observer end;
an eye cup disposed at said patient end, said eye cup having a patient end
being sized such that its outer edge substantially corresponds to an eye orbit of a
patient, wherein said eye orbit is generally defined by an eyebrow and an upper
portion of a cheekbone of said patient; and
wherein said eye cup comprises a plurality of deformable bellows.

7. (Currently Amended) The An eye viewing device ~~of claim 1~~,
comprising:

a housing having a patient end and an observer end;

an eye cup disposed at said patient end, said eye cup having a patient end
being sized such that its outer edge substantially corresponds to an eye orbit of a
patient, wherein said eye orbit is generally defined by an eyebrow and an upper
portion of a cheekbone of said patient; and

wherein said eye cup is adapted to pivot substantially about a patient end of
said eye cup.

8. (Currently Amended) The An eye viewing device ~~of claim 1~~,
comprising:

a housing having a patient end and an observer end;

an eye cup disposed at said patient end, said eye cup having a patient end
being sized such that its outer edge substantially corresponds to an eye orbit of a
patient, wherein said eye orbit is generally defined by an eyebrow and an upper
portion of a cheekbone of said patient; and

wherein said eye cup is adapted to pivot substantially about a patient's pupil
when said device is in an operative position.

9. (Currently Amended) The An eye viewing device ~~of claim 1~~,
comprising:

a housing having a patient end and an observer end;

an eye cup disposed at said patient end, said eye cup having a patient end
being sized such that its outer edge substantially corresponds to an eye orbit of a
patient, wherein said eye orbit is generally defined by an eyebrow and an upper
portion of a cheekbone of said patient; and

wherein said eye cup comprises a plurality of bellows wherein walls of said
bellows are formed progressively thinner toward said patient end of said eye cup so
that pivoting occurs substantially toward a patient end of said eye cup.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An eye viewing device ~~of claim 1,~~
comprising:

a housing having a patient end and an observer end;

an eye cup disposed at said patient end, said eye cup having a patient end
being sized such that its outer edge substantially corresponds to an eye orbit of a
patient, wherein said eye orbit is generally defined by an eyebrow and an upper
portion of a cheekbone of said patient; and

wherein said eye cup comprises a plurality of bellows, wherein walls of said bellows are formed progressively thinner toward said a patient end of said eye cup so that pivoting occurs substantially about a patient's pupil when said device is in an operative position.

11. (Previously Amended) The eye viewing device of claim 1, wherein said eye cup is detachably attachable to said housing.

12. (Original) The eye viewing device of claim 1, wherein said eye cup is formed substantially opaque so that said eye cup substantially prevents ambient light rays from reaching a patient's eye.

13. (Previously Amended) An apparatus for aiding in the positioning of an eye viewing device relative to a patient, said apparatus comprising:

a device end adapted to be attached to a patient end of said eye viewing device; and

a patient end adapted to be received at an eye orbit of said patient, wherein said patient end of said apparatus is sized such that its outer edge corresponds to an eye orbit of a patient, said eye orbit being generally defined by an eyebrow and an upper portion of a cheekbone of said patient.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein a patient end of said apparatus comprises a flange configured bottom surface sized to substantially correspond to said eye orbit of a patient.

16. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said patient end of said apparatus comprises a flange configured bottom surface sized to substantially correspond to said eye orbit of a patient, and an interior is sized to accommodate a patient's eyelashes.

17. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said apparatus is deformable so that contact of said apparatus with said eye orbit alerts an operator that said device is approaching an operative position.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 13,~~ An apparatus for aiding in the positioning of an eye viewing device relative to a patient, said apparatus comprising:

a device end adapted to be attached to a patient end of said eye viewing device;

a patient end adapted to be received at an eye orbit of said patient, wherein said patient end of said apparatus is sized such that its outer edge corresponds to an eye orbit of a patient, said eye orbit being generally defined by an eyebrow and an upper portion of a cheekbone of said patient and

wherein said apparatus comprises a plurality of deformable bellows.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 13,~~ An apparatus for aiding in the positioning of an eye viewing device relative to a patient, said apparatus comprising:

a device end adapted to be attached to a patient end of said eye viewing device;

a patient end adapted to be received at an eye orbit of said patient, wherein said patient end of said apparatus is sized such that its outer edge corresponds to an

eye orbit of a patient, said eye orbit being generally defined by an eyebrow and an upper portion of a cheekbone of said patient; and

wherein said apparatus adapted to pivot substantially about said patient end of said apparatus.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 13;~~ An apparatus for aiding in the positioning of an eye viewing device relative to a patient, said apparatus comprising:

a device end adapted to be attached to a patient end of said eye viewing device;

a patient end adapted to be received at an eye orbit of said patient, wherein said patient end of said apparatus is sized such that its outer edge corresponds to an eye orbit of a patient, said eye orbit being generally defined by an eyebrow and an upper portion of a cheekbone of said patient; and

wherein said apparatus is adapted to pivot about a pivot point defined substantially about a patient's pupil when said device is in an operative position.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 13;~~ An apparatus for aiding in the positioning of an eye viewing device relative to a patient, said apparatus comprising:

a device end adapted to be attached to a patient end of said eye viewing device;

a patient end adapted to be received at an eye orbit of said patient, wherein said patient end of said apparatus is sized such that its outer edge corresponds to an eye orbit of a patient, said eye orbit being generally defined by an eyebrow and an upper portion of a cheekbone of said patient; and

wherein said apparatus comprises a plurality of bellows wherein walls of said bellows are formed progressively thinner toward said patient end of said apparatus so that a pivot point is defined substantially toward a patient end of said apparatus.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 13,~~ An apparatus for aiding in the positioning of an eye viewing device relative to a patient, said apparatus comprising:

a device end adapted to be attached to a patient end of said eye viewing device;

a patient end adapted to be received at an eye orbit of said patient, wherein said patient end of said apparatus is sized such that its outer edge corresponds to an eye orbit of a patient, said eye orbit being generally defined by an eyebrow and an upper portion of a cheekbone of said patient; and

wherein said eye cup comprises a plurality of bellows, wherein walls of said bellows are formed progressively thinner toward said patient end of said apparatus so that a pivot point of said apparatus is defined substantially about a patient's pupil when said device is in an operative position.

23. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said apparatus is detachably attachable to said eye viewing device.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said apparatus is formed substantially opaque so that said apparatus substantially prevents ambient light rays from reaching a patient's eye.

25. (Previously Amended) A method for positioning an eye viewing device in an operative position relative to a patient, said eye viewing device having a patient end, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a spacer on said patient end of said eye viewing device; and

moving said device toward said patient at least until said spacer contacts said patient at the eyebrow and upper cheekbone area.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein said providing step includes the step of providing a deformable spacer on said patient end so that contact of said spacer with said patient alerts an operator that said eye viewing device is approaching an operative position.

27. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein said providing step includes the step of providing a spacer configured to correspond to an eye orbit on said patient end so that substantial contact of said spacer with said eye orbit radially positions said eye viewing device so that said device is substantially aligned with a patient's pupil.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 25,~~ A method for positioning an eye viewing device in an operative position relative to a patient, said eye viewing device having a patient end, said method comprising the steps of:
providing a spacer on said patient end of said eye viewing device;
moving said device toward said patient at least until said spacer contacts said patient at the eyebrow and upper cheekbone area; and

wherein said providing step includes the step of providing a spacer configured to pivot toward a patient end of said spacer so that said spacer facilitates angular adjustment of said device while an operative position is maintained.

29. (Previously Amended) A retinal viewing device comprising:
a housing having an operator end and a patient end;
an attachment interface formed at said patient end adapted to detachably receive an attachment;
said attachment consisting of a lens assembly and an optical filter assembly.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 29,~~ A retinal viewing device comprising:
a housing having an operator end and a patient end;
an attachment interface formed at said patient end adapted to detachably receive an attachment;
said attachment consisting of a lens assembly and an optical filter assembly;
and
wherein said attachment interface comprises a lip, and wherein said attachment comprises at least one rib.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Amended) The device of claim 29, wherein said lens assembly comprises a magnifier assembly.

36. (Cancelled)